



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023, at 10 am

Priest: The Reverend Sharon Smith

Musician and Choir Director: Rob Gloor

Administration: Natasha Stegemann

Wardens: Vivian McGie, Linda Robertson, Chris Wensley

St. Catherine's Mission, Vision and Values

St. Catherine's Anglican Church, near the heart of Edgemont Village in North Vancouver on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, including the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations, is a contemporary community of Christian seekers.

We welcome you to join us in the journey. We provide a place of spiritual growth through Christ and we respond with gratitude for God's abundance in our lives through service to our brothers and sisters in the world.

Our **Vision** is to:

- Be an inclusive and thriving community of faith for all generations
- Continually invite others to join us in our journey of faith and Christian discipleship
- Honour the strengthening of relationships and development of community, both within our walls and outside them
- Minister to those in need in Christ's name

Our Values:

St Catherine's is a community that aspires to be:

Welcoming, Inclusive, Curious, Creative,
Sustainable, Caring and Humble



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SAINT CATHERINE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Anglican Church of Canada - Diocese of New Westminster
Situating on the unceded traditional Coast Salish territory
of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilíwətaʔ (Tseil-
Waututh) First Nations

As you enter the church, we invite you to light a votive candle to remember a person or situation that you carry on your heart. Candles are also available during communion.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Intention: Rev Sharon Smith

A moment of silent reflection.

Presider: For thousands of years, indigenous people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliilíwətaʔ (Tseil Waututh) peoples.

All: May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

Presider: Let us bless the Holy One who forgives all our wrong doings.

All: God's mercy endures forever.

Prayer of Purity:

Book of Alternative Services

Presider: Ever-present God,

**All: To you all hearts are open
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love you, and worthily
magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God, forgive us

**All: where we have not touched but
trampled you in creation,
where we have not honoured but
avoided you in one another,
where we have not received but
rejected your goodness.**

Kyrie

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

Leader: Christ Have Mercy

All: Christ Have Mercy

Leader: Lord Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

Silence is kept.

Prayer of the Day:

Prsider: God of all consolation,

**All: Jesus comforted the grieving sisters,
Martha and Mary,
for your breath alone brings life
to dry bones and weary souls.
Pour out your Spirit upon us,
so that we may face despair and death
with the hope of resurrection life
and faith in the Love that calls us forth,
Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: We'll Sing in the Morning

We'll sing in the morning a song of creation,
of your breath that stirs up the waters to birth;
and here at the fount of Christ's mercy we join you,
co-heirs of heaven and stewards
of your gracious earth.

We'll sing in the noontime a song of redemption:
how Naaman was cleansed in the in the flow of your grace.
how, when we were sick, in our sin you released us
to laugh in health and dance in love before your face.

We'll sing in the evening a song of your pastures,
of rivers that gladden the city of God:
and when we arrive on the bank of our Jordan,
you'll help us through its cold by fords
your saints have trod.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that though a nation is dead in exile, they will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Leader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

Led by Sharon Fedorak

Leader: Out of the depths
cry to you, O LORD;

**People: O LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of
my supplication.**

Leader: If you were to keep watch over sins,
O LORD, who could stand?

**People: Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.**

Leader: I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;
in your word is my hope.

**People: My soul waits for the Lord more
than those who keep watch for the
morning, more than those who
keep watch for the morning.**

Leader O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the
LORD there is steadfast love; with the
LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**All: For the LORD shall redeem Israel
 from all their sins.
 Amen.**

Second Reading - LOVE ITSELF by Leonard Cohen

The light came through the window
Straight from the sun above
And so inside my little room
There plunged the rays of love

In streams of light I clearly saw
The dust you seldom see
Out of which the nameless makes
A name for one like me

I'll try to say a little more
Love went on and on
Until it reached an open door
Then love itself, love itself was gone

All busy in the sunlight
The flecks did float and dance
And I was tumbled up with them
In formless circumstance

I'll try to say a little more
Love went on and on
Until it reached an open door
Then love itself, love itself was gone

Then I came back from where I'd been
My room, it looked the same
But there was nothing left between
The nameless and the name

All busy in the sunlight
The flecks did float and dance
And I was tumbled up with them
In formless circumstance
I'll try to say a little more
Oh love went on and on
Until it reached an open door
Then love itself, love itself was gone
Love itself, love itself was gone

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of Heaven, to Earth come down:
fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more your temple leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve you as your hosts above,
pray, and praise you without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the [religious leaders] were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the [Judeans] had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

The [Judeans] who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the [Judeans] who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the [Judeans] said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the [Judeans] therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Presider: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn Continued

Finish then your new creation:
pure and sinless let us be;
let us see your great salvation,
perfect in eternity:
Changed from glory into glory,
till in Heaven we take our place,
there to cast our crowns before you,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Homily – Rev. Sharon Smith

Silent Reflection

PRAYER

Prayers of the People

The Passing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The community, standing at our seats, greet one another saying or gesturing: 'Peace be with you'.

COMMUNION

Preparing the Table: Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. *(Refrain)*

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word and deed, may my living bring you glory. *(Refrain)*

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. *(Refrain)*

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: God our provider,
**All: you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer:

Preface for Lent (BAS); Eucharistic Prayer (ELCIC VIII)

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God
Creator of Heaven and Earth
because you call your faithful people
to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy
with this paschal feast that reborn through the
waters of baptism
and renewed in the Eucharistic mystery
we may be more fervent in prayer
and more generous in works of love.

Presider: Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
You have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us.
But guided us in the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known
your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice
is your own desire.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your chosen servant to preach good
news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage
to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant
in my blood, shed for you and
all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Presider: For as often as we eat of this bread
and drink of this cup we proclaim
the Lord's death until he comes.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,

**All: to fill the hearts of all
who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love
and justice in all the world.
Join our prayers and praise
with your people of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the
resurrection, we might live in freedom.**

Presider: Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honour are yours,
Creator God, now and forever,

All: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*Sung*):

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction (Breaking the Bread):

Presider: We break this bread

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall rise with him.**

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God.

*All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind
(Fresh Bread or Wafers) at the station below the stairs, or
Communion of one or both kinds at the Altar.*

*Wine is administered from a common cup. Gluten free
wafers are available upon request.*

Please sanitize your hands before receiving.

*While the communion is being administered, we respectfully
ask that you keep the silence.*

Candle lighting during this time is welcomed.

Communion Music: What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: Compassionate God

**All: you have fed us with
the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer,
the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

SENDING

Community Announcements – Linda Robertson

Blessing: Rev. Sharon

Sending Hymn: You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all.

Refrain

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all.

(Refrain)

Dismissal:

Presider: Go in peace to live a life of service

People: Thanks be to God.



Join us for coffee after the service today,
at the back of the church.

Thank you for ministering this morning:

Music:	Rob Gloor & Choir
Greeters:	Sharon Fedorak and Gillian Holland
Coffee Group:	Penny Zuk, Lynn Spence and Elizabeth Barratt
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Grundy
Readers:	1) Sharon Fedorak 2) Vivian McGie
Intercessor:	Linda Robertson
Eucharistic	Bob Paxton, Linda Robertson and
Ministers:	Vivian McGie
Sunday Teacher:	Ethan Spence

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Spiritual Practice Group March 28th at 7 pm on zoom:

You are invited to a 2-part evening for contemplative seekers. The first hour we explore Celtic Practices, the second is a Contemplative Evening Prayer (Compline).

Climate Solutions March 29th at 7 pm on zoom:

Climate Action Planning with Eleanor Gill - This interactive workshop will support participants with climate action planning. What are the most effective climate actions individuals and community groups can take? This workshop will introduce tools and frameworks for getting into action.

"Wait & Watch" Saturday April 1 at 9:30 am – 1 pm

A day of quiet to prepare for Holy Week. We gather in the church for prayer in the stillness of the sanctuary. A labyrinth is available for use during this time.

Hosted by the Spiritual Practice Group.

"Palms & Passion" Sunday April 2 at 10 – 11:30 am

On this Soul Food Sunday, we will gather with strangers and friends around the breakfast table to retell the story of Christ's passion, and lay palm branches in anticipation.